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Dear Examiner Erez:

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Erez for the in-person interview conducted at the USPTO on May 31, 2006 to discuss the above-captioned case in view of the Office Action mailed March 31, 2006. It is our understanding that we came to a consensus that Applicant's claims are distinguished over the cited prior art in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

Applicant's Device/Osmotic Cells

Osmosis is the tendency of solvent to pass through a semipermeable membrane into solutions of higher concentration in order to achieve osmotic equilibrium. It is important to note that osmotic pressure, that which drives the osmotic cell, results from two things: "first, the difference in concentration of solvent . . . on two sides of a membrane is due to the presence of a